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In re the Application of

Confirmation No. 5410

David TOMPKINS

Group Art Unit 2153

Serial No. 09/528,844

Examiner K. Parton

Filed: March 20, 2000

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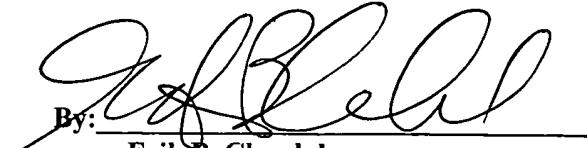
Sir:

Attached hereto is a Amendment and Response submitted in response to the Official Action dated December 19, 2002 together with a Petition for three (3) month extension of time. No claim fee is required. Entry of such papers and a grant of such petition is earnestly requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to contact the undersigned for any overpayment or underpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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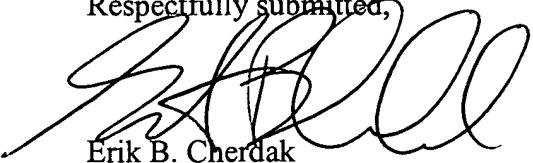
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to
Erik B. Cherdak 3-19-04
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2002, attached is a copy of Figure 1 with proposed changes indicated in red. Approval of the proposed drawing corrections is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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